

REMARKS

This is an Amendment After Allowance but before payment of the Issue Fee. Specifically, Claims 22-30 are amended herein to correct minor errors and/or deficiencies in the Claims.

During the Examiner Interview of November 6, 2008, the Applicant and the Examiner agreed in principal to claim amendments that would be allowed by the Examiner. Also during the Examiner Interview, Applicant expressed its desire to review the forthcoming Interview Summary and then to propose additional minor, non-substantive modifications to Claims 23-30 (e.g., for grammatical purposes). Applicant submitted these non-substantive modifications in the form of Supplemental Amendments that were filed on November 19, 2008. However, these Supplemental Amendments did not appear to be reflected in the Notice of Allowance dated February 3, 2009. When Applicant brought this fact to the attention of the Examiner during a telephone conference dated March 5, 2009, the Examiner invited Applicant to re-file these Amendments to the Claims in accordance with a 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filing.

Accordingly, Applicant has re-submitted these Amendments to the Claims herewith prior to paying the issue fee for this application. No changes are made which affect the scope of the allowed claims. Rather, the changes are merely grammatical and/or formal in nature, to make the amended claims even more clearly recite the invention defined by the claims. Accordingly, entry of this Rule 312 amendment is warranted.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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